



DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
CHICAGO DISTRICT, U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
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January 17, 2020

CELRC-PMD-EF

Dear XXX,

The U.S Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago (Corps) will be preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) document on the impacts associated with a proposed water main replacement project in the Village of Park Forest, IL. The Village of Park Forest is working with the Corps to reduce the frequency of existing water main breaks, loss of water, and to improve flow rates in the distribution system. Existing infrastructure within the project footprint consists of 71 year old cast iron water main. The age and condition of the water main has led to 15 breaks since 2007 and reduced flow rates below those recommended for the dense, multi-family residential area. The proposed project area includes replacement of water main within the Village right-of-way on Dogwood Street between its north and south connections with Western Avenue (Enclosure 1). Waste material and excess soil will be disposed of in accordance with Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

The proposed project will replace approximately 0.72 miles of existing cast iron water main with new PVC piping. This will also require the replacement of 7 fire hydrants, 7 main line valves, 42-2" water services, and sewer improvements necessary to meet current separation requirements. Dogwood Street is a main roadway into the residential neighborhood and the upsizing and replacement of the water main is anticipated to improve water flow to the other existing water mains that service further into this area. An Environmental Assessment will be prepared which evaluates alternatives to accomplish this project with minimal impact to the environment and community.

As part of the NEPA scoping process, the Chicago District would appreciate any comments or concerns you might have about any potential impacts from this proposed project. This could include impacts to various habitats, threatened and endangered species, or cultural and social resources. After receiving the scoping input and conducting its impact assessment, the Corps will release a draft NEPA document for a formal public review. Enclosure 2 is a list of State and Federal Agencies, Congressional Members, and Tribal Nations receiving this request.

Comments must be received by February 21, 2020 and should be sent to Mr. Matthew Shanks, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 231 South La Salle Street, Suite 1500, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or by email at matthew.r.shanks@usace.army.mil. Questions should be directed to Mr. Shanks at (312) 846-5581.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susanne J. Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susanne J. Davis, P.E.
Chief of Planning Branch

Enclosures

- 1 – Project Map
- 2 – Distribution List